

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of German Application No. 102 26 537.2 filed June 14, 2002. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 365 of PCT/DE03/01997 filed June 13, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On Pages 14-15, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14-15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The action mechanism of the triggering process is illustrated in Figure 1a, in a cross-sectional view of the pre-injection device from Figure 1, along the line ~~1a-1a~~ 1a-1a. The support effect of the trigger 11 on the clamp ring 16 is cancelled out in that the pusher 13 spreads the two elements of the trigger 11 beyond the region of the clamp ring 16, and the actual triggering process of pre-injection occurs.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract on a separate page.